WHEREAS, The American Podiatry Association has declared the week of May 9-15, as Foot Health Week; and,

WHEREAS, Todsy's podiatrist is one of the partners on the health service team and intimately concerned with the dramatic changes and the need for improvement in the delivery of health care; and,

WHEREAS, The members of the American Podiatry Association and the South Dakota Association of Podiatrists recognize that the health care systems of the 1970's require interprofessional collaboration on an unprecedented scale; and,

WHEREAS, The podiatrist is concerned with the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of foot disorders by medical and surgical means; and,

WHEREAS, The 1971 White House Conference on Aging has stated that quality foot care is a required element of any comprehensive program for the aged; and,

WHEREAS, The United States National Center for Health Statistics has stated that one of the leading causes of activity limitation in older people is impairment of the lower extremities; and,

WHEREAS, Many adult foot ailments, like other bodily ills, have their origins in childhood and that periodic professional attention and regular foot care can minimize these problems in later life; and,

WHEREAS, The foot is the barometer of overall bodily health in which many disorders and abnormal conditions are often first detected in the foot; and

WHEREAS, The treatment provided by the podiatrist can make an important contribution to an individual's total health:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 9-15, 1979, as

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in South Dakota, and urge all citizens of all ages to make foot health a routine part of their total health program.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Fifth Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Nine

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

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ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

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